(d) Yes, Sir. However, proposals are at initial stage and no details can be given.

**Central Regulatory Authority for Minor Ports**

3209. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposed to bring minor ports under a Central Regulatory Authority to regulate haphazard increase and growth of minor ports;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action proposed to regulate safety, environmental concerns and conservancy of Minor Ports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The aspects regarding safety and conservancy of Minor Ports are covered in the Indian Ports Act, 1908. Environmental aspect is taken care of as per the guidelines issued by this Ministry and the Ministry of Environment & Forests from time to time.

***Ongoing National Highways Projects***

†3210. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
DR. D. MASTHAN:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made an assessment regarding the total length of National Highways;

(b) if so, what was the total length of National Highways in the country during the year 1999-2000;

(c) what was the width and length of each of those roads in respect of which the construction work had been completed; and

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†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.